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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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Reserve Fund, 1,300,000 Dollars.

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HONGKONG.

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On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

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Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 8% per Annum.
" 6 " " 6% " "
" 12 " " 5% " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE,
Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, November 28, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRIA, AND CHINA.

Capital, \$800,000.
Reserve Fund, \$150,000.

Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

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THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

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On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—

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WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)
WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

For Sale.

RECENTLY ARRIVED, AND FOR SALE.

RODGERS'S CELEBRATED CUTLERY.
WATERLOW'S and DE LA RUE'S STATIONERY.
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TABLE GLASSWARE.
GENT'S TOOL CHESTS.
CABIN SUSPENSION and BULK-HEAD SWINGING LAMPS for OIL.
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SIGNAL and MASTHEAD LAMPS, (Latest Admiralty Regulation).
TUBE EXPANDERS, Assorted Sizes.
ENGINEER'S HAMMERS.
MATHEMATICAL INSTRUMENTS.
COPPER WIRE GAUZE.
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INDIA RUBBER DOOR MATS.
INDIA RUBBER SUCTION and DELIVERY HOSE.
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A Large and Choice Assortment of American and English

ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

NEW and POPULAR BOOKS,
INSTRUCTIVE and AMUSING.

EDUCATIONAL WORKS.

WORKS OF REFERENCE.

PRESENTATION BOOKS.

NOVELS, &c.

MUSIC & SONGS,
by First-class Composers.

OPERA, MUSICAL INSTRUCTION BOOKS, &c.

A Fine Selection of SHERRIES.

Very Fine "O. K." BOURBON WHISKY.

CHATEAU DE FRANDS.

(A fine full flavoured Breakfast CLARET.)

BRANDIES, GIN.

LIQUEURS.

ALES, &c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.,
Hongkong, February 21, 1879.

FOR SALE.

COKE, \$7.50 per Ton.
TAN, 7 Cts. per Gallon.

Apply to GAS WORKS,

West Point.

Hongkong, March 6, 1879. m13

Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-year ending 31st December last, at the Rate of ONE POUND STERLING (\$1 Stg.) per Share of \$125, is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 17th Current, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 15, 1879. m15

THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above-named Company will be Held at the Company's Office, No. 39, Queen's Road, in the city of Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 24th day of March next, for the purpose of Confirming the Special Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held to-day.

Dated this 10th day of March, 1879.

By Order,

J. BRADLEE SMITH,
General Agent.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the

EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be Held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 26th March, 1879, at 8 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th March to the 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

J. BRADLEE SMITH,
General Agent.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

ARE AGENTS FOR

CURIEUX and ADETS'S CLARETS.
COUVONNIER'S BRANDY.
CHUDD'S SAFES.
WHITEHEAD'S STOUT.
VAN HOBOKEN'S GIN.
FOSTER'S Bottled ALE and STOUT.
SILBER LIGHT LAMPS.
FRENCH JAMS, Confiture de St. James.
STACEY'S GOLD LACE and OFFICERS' DECORATIONS.
CONSTABULARY REVOLVERS.
THE NEW LIFE JACKET.
LONDON & CHINA EXPRESS, OVERLAND MAIL, and THE HOME NEWS.

Intimations.

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G. FALCONER & CO.,
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER
MANUFACTURERS,
AND
JEWELLERS.
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS
AND BOOKS.

46, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, February 20, 1879. m20

Auctions.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. will sell by Public Auction, in their Sales Rooms, Praya, on

FRIDAY,

the 14th March, 1879, at Noon.—
An Invoice of ASSORTED PERFUMERY, comprising: Toilet Cream, Lime Juice and Glycerine, Bay-rum, Assorted Scents, Pomatum, Eau de Cologne, Toilet Vinegar, Violet Powder, Tooth Powder, Fluid Magnesia, Brushes, Razors, Puffa and Boxes, Scissors, &c., &c.

20 Coils each Ratline and Seizing Stuff, 5 Coils Galvanised Wire Seizing, 1 Galley Stove.

And.

(For account of the concerned,) The following salvaged from the Wreck of

S. S. "TAPIAN,"
1 Compass 2 Chronometers, 1 Anchor Light, 1 Mast-head Light, 1 Brass Nozzle, 1 Barometer, 7 Globe Lamps, 2 Side Lights, 1 Bell, 1 Pump, Carbines, 2 Anchors, Deadlights, Blankets, Pillows, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, March 11, 1879. m14

LAND AUCTION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. will sell by Public Auction,

SATURDAY,

the 22nd March, at Noon.—
INLAND LOT, No. 173, measuring about 572 Feet by 47 Feet, and having frontages on Wellington, Graham, and Gutlaff Streets.

There is Room to erect Four Chinese Houses.

The Crown Rent is \$44.51.

The central position of this Lot makes it a most desirable investment.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-third of the Purchase Money on the fall of the hammer, the remainder on completion of the Transfer. Expenses of Transfer to be borne by the Purchaser.

Hongkong, March 11, 1879. m22

PUBLIC AUCTION.

TO BE SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION, shortly, on a day to be hereafter named, unless previously disposed of by private contract.

THE HONGKONG DISTILLERY,

Situate at East Point, Hongkong, now in Complete Working Order, and Capable of Distilling upwards of 2,000 Gallons daily. The Property is of a most valuable nature, comprising THREE PIECES OF GROUND close to the water, viz.—Inland Lots Nos. 749, 751 and 752, with the Substantially Built DWELLING HOUSE and BUSINESS PREMISES erected specially for the purpose only a few years since, together with the MACHINERY, ENGINES, STILLS, VATS, STOCK, and TRADE FURNITURE and FITTINGS.

For further Particulars, apply to

Messrs SHARP, TOLLER, and

JOHNSON,

Solicitors, Supreme Court House,

Hongkong, March 5, 1879.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship

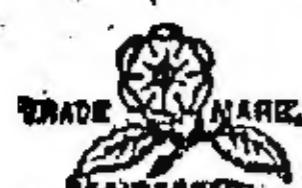
"FENNO,"

Capt. S. ABER, will be despatched for the above Ports

on FRIDAY, the 14th Instant, at Daylight.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.
EUGENE RIMMEL'S TROPICAL
FLOWER-WATER.



SUPERIOR TO ALL SIMILAR PREPARATIONS.
VOGEL & Co.,
Sole Agents for China.
Hongkong, February 19, 1879. mrs19

FOR SALE.

A 58inch SINGER & Co.'s "SPECIAL
CHALLENGE" BICYCLE, quite new.
PATENT BEARINGS.
PATENT SADDLE.
DOUBLE BRAKE, & EXTRAS.
Will be sold under Invoice Price; owner
leaving Colony.

Apply to SAYLE & Co.,
Where Machine can be seen.
Hongkong, March 8, 1879.

Notices to Consignees.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Hindooan*, Captain T. S. GARDNER, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 10, 1879. mrs10

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Venice* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, March 7, 1879. mrs7

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

6. S. AMAZONE.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *India*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, the 7th Instant, at 3 p.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Friday, the 14th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, March 7, 1879.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Ex "Ave."
H. J. A. H. (in cross) No. 107, Aldridge
Salmon & Co., 1 case Hosiery, from
London.
Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

Volume Seventh of the
"CHINA REVIEW."
Now Ready.

No. 3.—Vol. VII.

—OF THE—

CHINA REVIEW
CONTAINS—

Jottings from the Book of Rites.
Geographical Notes on the Province of
Kiangsi.
Ethnological Sketches from the Dawn of
History.

Coins of the "Tz-Tz" Dynasty.
The Critical Disquisitions of Wang Oh-ting.
The Ballads of the Shih-king.
Translations of Chinese School-books.

Tonic and Vocal Modification in the
Footnote Dialect.
Legislation and Law in Ancient China.

A Plea for "Fan-hwan."
Short Notices of New Books and Literary
Intelligence.

Notes and Queries.—
Taste on Industries in Canton.

A Bit of Folk-lore about Candies,
Lamps and Fire.

Legends on Chinese Porcelain.

Tan Birds.
To make Tui (Antithesis).

The Army of Kwangtung.

Gutta Percha in China.
Chinese Dialect.

Confucius Losing a Horse in the

Desert.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

China Mail Office,

Hongkong, January 21, 1879.

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING Shareholders are requested to send in an ACCOUNT OF BUSINESS CONTRIBUTED during the year ended 31st December 1878, on or before March 31st, on which date the Accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 25, 1879. ap1

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS
STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

MEYER & Co.,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, November 29, 1878. my29

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI during the Summer Month, leaving HONGKONG on the 1st of April next.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

HUTCHINGS

began to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply BEEF, MUTTON, &c.,

from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.

SHOP—WELLINGTON STREET, opposite the Cathedral.

Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, Dr EASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, NO. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 98.

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.—WOOSUNG RIVER.

WOOSUNG INNER BAR SIGNALS.

NOTICE is hereby given that on and after the 31st March, 1879, Geometrical Signals will be substituted for the flags now in use at the Woosung Inner Bar Station, shewing the depth of water on the Bar during the day.

An explanatory diagram, shewing the signals which indicate the depth of water from 10 feet to 244 feet and which will show the same in approaching the signal station both from Shanghai and from seaward, is added herewith.

To indicate a rising tide a ball will be hoisted at the mast head.

In case of there being greater or less depths of water than here given, the number of "feet" will be signalled by the "Universal Code of Signals" at the mast-head, and the half foot by a red and white flag at the yard-arm.

By order of the Inspector-General of Customs.

GERALD E. WELLESLEY,
Acting Engineer-in-Chief.

Imperial Maritime Customs,
Engineer's Office,
Shanghai, 31st Jan., 1879.

Depth of
water in feet
on Bar.

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North-arm
South-arm
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responding months of 1878, \$10,957.20, thus showing the moderate increase of \$3,12 in favour of this year so far.

We understand that Sir Thomas Wade proposes to leave this for Foochow on Friday morning, we presume, in connection with the Wuh-shih-shan dispute. He will, however, return to Hongkong before proceeding to Peking, and we believe will receive the Chamber of Commerce deputation before his final departure.

FIVE houses (Nos. 15, 21, 29, 31 and 38 Gilman's Bazaar) were pounced upon last evening by Inspector Corcoran, and a party of Police, by virtue of a warrant granted by Captain Deane. No less than forty-three persons were arrested from four out of the five houses indicated: but although the houses were to all intents and purposes fixed up as gambling dens, there was no direct evidence against any of the prisoners, and they were accordingly discharged by Mr May. There is only one drop of consolation in this failure: and that is, that one or two bad characters were caught. Turnkey Mulgrave identified four of the men as having been in Gaol before as frequenters of gambling houses: and one for child-stealing once, and again for frequenting a gambling house.

We regret to have to record the sudden death of Angus Currie, P.C. 01, a native of Argyleshire, Scotland, who was found drowned in the Harbour near Gibb's Wharf at 3 a.m. to-day. Deceased, who was one of the last batch of arrivals, was sent on duty at midnight on Gibb's Wharf, and was seen to be all right up to about half-past 2 o'clock. The constable in the patrol boat found him drowned at 3 o'clock, having been attracted to the spot by seeing his cap in the water. Currie had his hands in his pockets when he was found, and his bull's-eye was placed in a boat hanging on the davits. It is supposed that the poor fellow must have taken ill and fallen over the seawall or the wharf into the water. He was a Good Templar, a very intelligent man, and respectfully connected at home. An inquest will take place to-morrow, at 8.30 p.m. at the Hospital.

The fire-bell rang the alarm about ten o'clock last night, and the engines and the brigades were promptly got under way. Eastward they wended their way, the single toots of the Central indicating that the fire was in that direction. But by the time the engines had been dragged as far as the Main Guard, Spring Gardens, intelligence arrived to the effect that the fire was at the top of Nullah Street, by the Wanchai Gap. A stack of dried grass had got ignited, some say by incendiaries, but as it was so placed that it could but burn itself out, the services of the brigades were not required. The value of the stack is fixed by one authority at \$8; and the object of the incendiaries does not appear to be very clear. Great praise must be given to the Police and the Fire Brigades for the extremely prompt manner in which they turned out; also to several Volunteers, who were present. The engine must have been en route a very few minutes after the alarm, for they arrived at the Clock Tower on their return journey about 35 or 40 minutes after 10, having accomplished a long march to Spring Gardens and back.

Canton.

March 10, 1879.

Referring to our notes of the 17th to 20th ultimo, we are glad to report that the name and responsibility of the younger Houqua has been withdrawn from the new Opium farming guild by a special application to the higher authorities for release; a step that rescues that respectable family name from permanent reproach, whilst it renders a complete collapse of the new scheme probable.

General Messy has left for his post of duty in the interior.

Reverting to our note of the 3rd, we may add, respecting the weather, that the heaviest storm which you experienced was also observed in villages North of Canton; as remarkable for the size of the hail-stones; and in some localities so alarming as to recall the dread occasioned by the great Tornado of eleven months ago.

Meantime, an unusual flooding of the river and a peculiar chilliness of the Northern winds latterly indicate continuous heavy rains in the interior. On the morning of the 4th the thermometer stood at 47 deg. within doors, on that of the 6th at 45 deg., on the 8th at 52 deg., on the 7th at 58 deg., since when the cold is more moderate, but not beyond 5 or 6 degrees.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

The following is the report of the directors to the eighth ordinary meeting of shareholders, to be held at the Head Office of the Company at Hongkong on Monday, the 24th instant, at 3.30 o'clock p.m.—

The Directors have pleasure in submitting to the shareholders the eighth annual

Report of the Company to 31st December, 1878.

The net profits for the year under review, after providing for all claims pending upon known casualties, amount to \$78,733.86, as shown in the annexed statement of accounts, which, according to the Company's Articles of Association, will have to be divided as follows:

to Reserve Fund.....	\$26,244.62
as Bonus to Contributors for 1878.....	\$52,489.24

thus increasing the Reserve Fund to \$100,378.44 and giving a return of 23% per cent. on contributions, in addition to the 12 per cent. interest to shareholders already paid.

MANAGEMENT.

The late General Agents, Messrs. Oliphant & Co., having resigned their office in December last, owing to financial difficulties, it has since been decided in a public meeting to have the business of the Company conducted in future by the Board of Directors and Secretary, instead of as heretofore.

DIRECTORS.

Mr C. Morland Kent and Mr J. F. Seaman having left the Colony, Mr D. A. J. Crombie and Mr T. G. Williamson have been elected in their stead, and their appointment requires confirmation.

AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Mr Henry Smith and Mr L. Hauchard, and the Directors have pleasure in recommending their re-election as auditors for the current year.

W.M. REINERS, Chairman.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1879.

Police Intelligence.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)

12th March, 1879.

ALLEGED ASSAULT.

John Burns Miller, an engineer, appeared to answer a charge of having assaulted a married woman named Mary Snelling, yesterday afternoon. Defendant had been admitted yesterday to bail, having been arrested, instead of being summoned as it usual in such cases.

Mary Snelling, sworn, stated:—About 2 o'clock yesterday, defendant, who has been a lodger in my house for nearly a month, came to take away his boxes. I requested him to wait until my husband returned before he took away the things; but he insisted upon taking them away, and removed his things into the street. I then asked him to pay the money for the rent, and he refused, saying, "I don't intend to pay you any money whatever, but I shall take my goods away in spite of you." I begged of him to wait till my husband returned, but he refused to do so, and used a lot of bad language which I cannot express. I am ashamed to say what it was; my husband, who heard them the second time, may repeat the words. (Here the husband was requested to leave the Court.) I again asked for the rent. This occurred partly on the landing and partly on the stairs: I had been trying to keep the coolies called by defendant from coming in to take the luggage; but they forced their way in past me, and I was going upstairs. When I got to the top of the stairs, he struck me: I did nothing to him before he struck me. Defendant struck me with his fist between the left eye and the cheek (shows a black and swollen mark under the eye). I was knocked down, and then rolled downstairs to the street-door. When I was struck I rolled half-way downstairs, and caught the banisters: defendant then came down and kicked me twice on the side, when I rolled all the way down. I managed to get up and ran into the street, for protection from the defendant. Defendant said, when following me downstairs, "Your husband never beats you, but I'll do it for him; I'll murder you; your husband is too good for you." He ran out into the street, and I saw Mr Alabor coming along, from whom I asked protection. Mr Alabor came upstairs with me. Defendant then paid me \$15 for rent, after I had again asked for it: this was the amount due. A policeman then came and arrested the defendant. In the evening, at about 6 o'clock, I was in my bedroom, lying down; my husband was in the same room. The defendant came up, and my husband went to meet him. At the door, he again threatened my life, and said he would come every day while I was in the house. He said "She has taken the rent, she has taken my money; and now I'll have her life. She is the biggest prostitute that ever breathed." My husband induced him to go away quietly. I came to Court, although my doctor and the defendant advised me not to do so.

Cross-examined by Mr Denny:—I only took \$15 altogether from the defendant since he had been in the house. Defendant meant that I had taken every cent he had for the rent. I did not charge any one yesterday with assault except the defendant: I made no complaint against my husband yesterday of ill-treatment. That matter has been settled by the Bishop. I have no idea what defendant meant when he said "your husband never beats you, but I will." My husband's affairs have nothing to do with this case. The house I and my husband now live in is a private house, not a boarding-house; I pay the rent. We are not in any business. Defendant took the rooms on the last day of the R. cea, but the month would have expired on the 31st of this month. Since I have been ill since January last, my husband and I occupy different bedrooms.

Witness objected to these inquiries being made, and asked that his Worship should interfere. The matter between herself and her husband had been settled by the Bishop.

Mr Denny said that a great deal had been said about Mr Snelling being the husband of the complainant. Witness had said her house was her husband's, and abusive language was alleged touching the complainant's character as a married woman. She had been called a prostitute, and he felt compelled to state as a fair assumption that she had been acting as one.

Witness demanded that the gentleman (meaning Mr Denny) should prove his statements. The Bishop had arranged all that matter about herself and her husband, and the gentleman had no right to bring that matter into Court. She did not wish to have her husband brought into Court like that.

Mr Denny said that witness had constantly introduced her husband into her story, and he merely wished to test her statement. The house she lived in was her own, as rented by her, and she had her

husband did not live together as man and wife.

Witness said that what was hers was her husband's.

Mr Denny said that she knew perfectly well that was not so: that her property was in the hands of trustees.

His Worship informed the witness that she would have to answer the questions put to her. Mr Denny would note that the assault and the abusive language were separate matters; and that the assault had better be taken first.

Examination continued:—I did not attempt to stop the defendant when he struck me. Defendant did not push me; he struck me. My servants were on the passage; two amahs and a cook saw it. Of course I was perfectly sober: I have never been under the influence of drink in my life. (This was said with a deal of surprise and suppressed indignation.)

George William Snelling, sworn, states:—I am husband of the last witness. I know nothing about the affair in the afternoon; but I was in the house in the evening. Defendant came and said, as he had paid for the rooms until the end of March, he had a right to use them, and the door should be left open for him. I agreed to this, and expressed regret that anything disagreeable should have occurred. Defendant said he wished to get away, and his wife had caught her foot in the stair and fallen down. Defendant said something further; he may have been somewhat in liquor; but he made some other rational remarks (a laugh). He said that my wife was a wh—, and that he could prove it. I induced him to go away, and not make a disturbance.

Cross-examined by Mr Denny:—As married people will have, we have had little quarrels occasionally, and lately we have not got on well together. I do not know of any complaint made by my wife yesterday, though I know she went to see Judge Simale. Defendant said to me that my wife's foot slipped. The agreement about the house was made directly between Mrs Snelling and the defendant. There were some words between Mrs Snelling and the defendant about the rent; but I had nothing to do with that, as the written agreement was between defendant and Mrs Snelling. The rent was not due, defendant said, until 31st March; but Mrs Snelling was anxious to get it paid before. I said that was all right, but that I had nothing to do with it. I heard that there had been a row in the house afterwards.

Complainant's cook gave evidence in corroborations of the complainant's statement. The only discrepancy was that the kick followed immediately after the blow, and that defendant did not move from his position, i.e. did not come half way downstairs.

An amah, who was next called, proceeded to point out Mr Denny as the man who had kicked her mistress; then, looking round to the complainant (who moved her hand) altered her statement and pointed to the defendant. She also said that the kick was on the left side, while complainant said it was on the right side. In cross-examination, this witness said that, when complainant fell down, she knocked her face against the door, not against the banisters. She saw no blow given. All this she saw to, as she saw it with her own eyes.

Another amah was called, but she saw nothing except a waving of hands, and heard a noise.

Mr Denny, for the defendant, submitted that complainant had not made out her case. It had evidently been intended that her story should agree with that told by her cook and amahs, but as a matter of fact they differed very materially. Complainant had said that defendant had come half-way downstairs to kick her, while the story of the cook was that he struck her and kicked her simultaneously on the top of the stair. These discrepancies were important, as each story was sworn to. The amah, again, said complainant had hurt her head against the street-door, and said nothing whatever about a blow with the fist. He submitted that, after the story told by the complainant, and the untruths she had told in connection with the case, it would be sufficient to bind over the defendant to keep the peace. If defendant had used stronger language than was justified by the circumstances, it ought to be remembered that Mrs Snelling had been many years in the Colony, and as she had kept a public-house for a long term of years, she must have been accustomed by this time to strong language in such a measure as would certainly render the hurt to her feelings much less than she would make his Worship believe.

His Worship admitted that the force used could not have been anything like what the complainant had represented to him; but defendant evidently did use more force than was necessary. The assault was not a serious one; but, after defendant had cooled down, he went to the house, and, instead of expressing regret for what had occurred, used abusive language. He would fine defendant \$10 or 5 days' imprisonment, and ask him to enter into his own recognisance for his good behaviour.

Defendant assured His Worship that he would never trouble him again. His Worship hoped he would not.

CHINESE LANGUAGE.

Frank Hutchings, a butcher, residing in Wellington Street, appeared on a summons for having indulged in strong language towards one Abdoolah Fakere, a clerk employed by Mr Hing Kee. The use of the emphatic expressions—which related to the birth, parentage, and general appearance of the complainant—rendered the unguarded defendant subject to a penalty of \$2, in default 2 days' imprisonment.

This wordy warfare occurred on the 8th instant.

China.

(News.)

We have received several letters, asking if any steps are being, or are intended to be taken by the American portion of the community to give General Grant a public welcome on his arrival in Shanghai. The period of the distinguished General's coming (it being presumably certain that he intends visiting Shanghai) not being exactly known, we presume shall be correct in saying that it would as yet be premature to indulge in anticipations of "high jinks"—though it may not be wrong to think that when the "conqueror in a thousand fights" comes within hail, he will be well received with all that warmth of feeling which the Anglo-Saxon race of both sides of the Atlantic know so well how to show.

We call attention to the letter in another

column from Bishop di Mazogatta respecting the horrible sufferings the people are still enduring in the famine-stricken districts in the North. The description is simply heartrending, and the end of the misery seems far distant. Who is responsible for stopping the Home subscriptions? To whom is due the assertion, made months ago, that the famine was at an end? How many thousands of lives have since been lost? The questions re-open themselves. What is now to be done? Who is to do it? Who will remedy this grave error? It is all very well to say, Let the Chinese Government take care of its own poor—let the Chinese help themselves! But when it is considered what the teaching of the Christian religion at the call of charity is, to say nothing of the motives which brings foreigners of nearly all Western nationalities to this far-distant land, is it too much to ask, even in the face of dire distress at home, that steps shall again be taken to save from death some among the poor helpless wretches who are at this moment perishing in this land for want of food?—[A correspondent elsewhere in our contemporary's columns suggests that the distress in England ought to command our first care for the present.—Ed. C. M.]

Japan.

(Mail, Feb. 22.)

The Choya Shimbum, referring to Mr Matsuda's mission to the Loo Choo Islands, says that the King was sick at the time of the visit, and that all the business done was transacted between the Envoy and a Prince Iko. About ten thousand families, descended from Chinese immigrants, and living upon one of the islands, are said to retain a strong predilection for the land of their origin. Some of their forefathers fought bravely against Shimadzu Yoshihisa, when he invaded the isles in 1609. When the people of Chinese descent heard of Matsuda's visit and its object they strenuously opposed the discontinuance of sending tribute to the Celestial empire. The Choya, however, holds that it is not only these villages but all the islanders who yearn for the Ch'an Chan. It is added that copies of the letter said to have been addressed by the Loo Chooan Commissioners in Tokio, to the foreign Ministers, were distributed through the islands by order of the Hancho.

The Herald understands that an action will shortly come before the British Court here, arising out of the fire at the late Yedo Hotel, which was destroyed some weeks ago, the agent of the Company in which it was insured refusing to pay the amount.

Matsutomo Bunkichi, the well-known mabombo at the race course at Negishi, has been condemned to ten years' penal servitude for lending a room to Chinamen for the purpose of smoking opium therein. The case was proved by several of the Kanagawa Ken policemen; and, further, the accused is said to have confessed his guilt at the Bunki Police Station. The sentence will appear to foreigners to be out of all proportion to the magnitude of the offence; but it was provided for by a law, the object and stern intention of which is that opium shall not be allowed to be smoked by any subject of the empire, or any one amenable to its jurisdiction. The culprit in this case being a Japanese, has been treated with exemplary severity, with the view, probably, of deterring any of his compatriots from following his example, and as a warning to those who indulge in similar practices to desist before they are discovered. Some Chinese, who from time to time had the vice brought home to them, were, before the arrival of a judicial representative of their nation, occasionally sentenced to comparatively short terms of imprisonment.

We trust that Mr Bunkichi may be fortunate enough to have his penalty mitigated. At the same time it is to be supposed that he was aware that the law of the land was being infringed by him; and that he was not ignorant of the risks that he was incurring in a transaction upon which he no doubt entered with a view rather to his own profit than to the practice of benevolence.

It must not be forgotten that certain offences which in European countries are visited with severe punishment—penalties which an Asiatic no doubt thinks barbarous or absurd—are rarely considered criminal in another continent; yet none the less have those who perpetrate them to expiate them painfully.

Politically everything is quiet. Even the movements of Iagaki now excite but a languid interest. He has been delivering lectures in Shikoku, and is accompanied by Kataoka—he who signed the famous Riukishi memorial—and other members of the Riukishi. The ex-Sangi is expected to be in Osaka next month for the purpose of holding a second meeting of Aikokusha, a society similar in its aims and objects to the Riukishi. What is mostly discussed is the matter of representative institutions; and Iagaki is said to conceive his mission as one to prepare the people for them, and to hasten their introduction.

We hear that the works on the Otsu extension of the Kobe-Kioto railway are being vigorously proceeded with, and matters are in a forward state that it is hoped the line may be opened for traffic as far as the Kioto end of the Otsu tunnel by September next, or even earlier. Tunnelling is going on in a very satisfactory manner, and the fears that were entertained when the excavation was begun that the rock was likely to be of a very hard nature are not, we learn, likely to be realized. The total length of the tunnel will be 740 yards, and is about one-third has already been cut through it is expected that the line will be in complete working order as far as the Lakes by next spring. It is in contemplation by the authorities to further extend the line from Kioto to Takasaki in Joso; a portion of the internal road has been already set aside to defray the expenses of this undertaking.

From the Hiozo News we learn that a fire broke out at a Match Factory situated with the Hiozo jail at Sakamotoura, on Monday afternoon, the 17th instant. In a very short time the premises were a smoking mass of embers. One of the engines of our local brigade was quickly on the spot, but its services were not required and nothing was done, as thanks to the energy of the native firemen and the police who were present in force, the fire was subdued in a very few minutes. We regret to hear that two men were rather seriously hurt and even others more or less injured. Two of the convicts employed at the factory managed to effect their escape in the confusion, leaving their uniform behind. The prisoners as a body behaved remarkably well, and those who were employed in leading to extinguish the flames laboured willingly and diligently. The cause of the fire is said to have been the ignition of a chemical used in the manufacture of the matches.

The Nishin Kuwan will shortly sail for Amoy and the northern ports of China. She is expected to be away about eight months on the voyage.

On the 16th instant, 40 soldiers of the Imperial Guard were presented with medals, for their services during the late war. The ceremony of presentation took place on the drill ground in Hibya.

On the 19th instant, the Naval Department presented the petty officers of the fleet, with medals for meritorious services.

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Notices of Firms.

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SANDER & Co.,
Hongkong, March 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.

Mr. CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is admitted a Partner from this Date.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the *Chinese Mail*, *華字日報* (*Wah Tse Yat Po*), CHASED from the 1st August, 1877, but Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN,
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

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KONG CHIM,
Lessee of the *Chinese Mail*,
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Thales	4 h	Lamont	Brit. str.	820	Jan. 19	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Europe, &c.	18th, 3 p.m.
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